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MEMORANDUM	FOR:	Chief,	Procurement	Division
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FROM:

Daniel C. King

Director of Logistics

SUBJECT:

Award of Architectural and Engineering Contract for Design of New Headquarters Building STAT

1. The Agency Contract Review Board (ACRB), on 18 May 1982, reviewed the results of the source-selection process which ranked CRS/Sirrine of Houston, Texas, as the number one firm among several considered for the architectural and engineering contract for a new building to be erected on the main compound. While concurring with the source selection conclusion, the Board recommended to me that the case be referred to the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) for his review and a final determination. The basis for the Board's recommendation was that CRS/Sirrine is approximately 20 percent owned by a Saudi national. This percentage of ownership exceeds the Agency's 5 percent threshold and would require a waiver. The Board also noted that execution of the contract with CRS/Sirrine could result in serious negative publicity.

2. The recommendation of the source-selection process, as concurred in by the ACRB, has been disapproved by the DCI. In a 29 July 1982 attachment to a 1 July 1982 memorandum from the Deputy Director for Administration to the DCI, subject as above, Mr. Casey has stated, "I do not intend to waive the general security requirements contained in para 14g of the CIA Standard Security Procedures for Contractors, dated 1 May 1979." (U/AIUO)

3. Based on the head of the Agency decision not to grant a waiver for CRS/Sirrine, the contracting officer is authorized to proceed with the next highest-ranked competitor.

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